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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

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Thirty-first Day

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The House of Representatives meets at the State House in Providence, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 and is called to order at 4:25 o'clock P.M., by the Honorable Nicholas A. Mattiello, Speaker.

The roll is called and a quorum is declared present with 72 members present and 3 members absent as follows:

**PRESENT** – 72 The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

**ABSENT** – 3: Representatives Almeida, Fellela, Tobon.

**INVOCATION**

The Honorable Speaker presents Reverend Dr. Philip Zymaris from the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket who delivers the Invocation and Speaker Mattiello leads the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

(For Invocation, see Appendix, this Journal.)

**APPROVAL OF RECORD**

By unanimous consent, the House Journal of Thursday, March 21, 2019, is approved.

**GUESTS**

Representative McNamara welcomes to the House in recognition of the Greek Independence Celebration from the Assumption of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church in Pawtucket: Reverend Dr. Philip Zymaris, George Foussekis (Parish Council President); Phyllio Foussikis, (his wife); Panagiota Vastis (Greek School Principal); Sophia Augoustakis (Greek School Teacher); Beth Lazouras (Church secretary); along with children: Athanasia Stephanopoulos, Konstantina Platsidakis, Katerina Lazouras, Magdalene Carlson, and Niko Lazouras.

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5898**

**BY** McNamara, Casimiro, Edwards, Jackson, Shekarchi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION CELEBRATING MARCH 25, 2019, AS THE 198TH ANNIVERSARY OF GREEK INDEPENDENCE DAY {LC2225/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative McNamara requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative McNamara seconded by Representatives Casimiro, Edwards, Jackson, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Kislak, Bennett, Leader Filippi, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Solomon, Johnston, and Slater by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**GUESTS**

Representative Casimiro welcomes to the House as guests constituents of Speaker Mattiello, Tom Bovis and Lauren Lynch who provided baklava for the celebration of Greek Independence Day. Speaker Mattiello also welcomes Tom and Lauren to the Chamber and thanks them.

Representative Vella-Wilkinson welcomes to the House Chamber from the New England Hemophilia Association: Rich Pezzillo, Executive Director; along with Meagan Murray, T.J. Murray, and Madeline Murray. They are here today in recognition of Bleeding Disorder Month Awareness. Speaker Mattiello welcomes them to the House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

**NEW BUSINESS****House Resolution No. 5899**

**BY** Vella-Wilkinson, Williams, Morin, Jackson, Casey

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2019, AS "BLEEDING DISORDERS AWARENESS MONTH" IN THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND {LC521/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Vella-Wilkinson requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Vella-Wilkinson seconded by Representatives Williams, Morin, Casey, Leaders Filippi and Shekarchi, Representatives Jackson, Tanzi, Bennett, McNamara, Ruggiero, Lombardi, Fogarty, Ajello, Cortvriend, Abney, Phillips, Hawkins, McEntee, Millea, Hull, Corvese, Kislak, and Costantino by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

### CALENDAR

From the Calendar are taken:

#### IN ORDER FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019:

**1. 2019-H 5461**

**BY Williams**

**ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

Chairman Jacquard moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives Solomon, Johnston, Leader Shekarchi, Representatives Phillips, Abney, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Carson, Serodio, Amore, Ruggiero, McEntee, Craven, McKiernan, Caldwell, Millea, Speakman, Morin, Williams, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Ajello, Fogarty, Cortvriend, Cassar, Costantino, Azzinaro, Hull, Lombardi, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Jackson, McNamara, Corvese, Kislak, Slater, Bennett, Edwards, Handy, Messier, Diaz, Shanley, Barros, Alzate, Maldonado, Casimiro, Casey, Blazejewski, Canario, Hawkins, and O'Brien.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**2. 2019-H 5664****BY** Messier**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE REPORTING AND EXPIRATION DATES OF THE SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO EXPLORE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GULF WARS VETERANS MEMORIAL

Committee on Veterans' Affairs recommends passage.

Chairman Azzinaro moves passage of the resolution, seconded by Representatives Kennedy, Millea, Abney, McLaughlin, Tanzi, Jackson, McNamara, Corvese, Kislak, Bennett, Casey, Maldonado, Johnston, Blazejewski, Casimiro, Barros, Vella-Wilkinson, Ajello, Fogarty, McEntee, and Donovan.

Read and passed, on a roll call vote, 72 members voting in the affirmative and 0 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 72: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Chippendale, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea, Morin, Nardone, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Ranglin-Vassell, Roberts, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 0:

RECUSED - 0:

**3. 2019-S 251 SUB A****BY** Conley**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAX--NON-COLLECTING RETAILERS, REFERRERS, AND RETAIL SALE FACILITATORS ACT

Committee on Finance recommends indefinite postponement of the original bill and passage of Substitute A in concurrence.

Chairman Abney moves passage of the act, seconded by Representatives McLaughlin, Ajello, Johnston, Barros, Jackson, Cassar, Phillips, and Cortvriend.

The bill marked Substitute "A" is read and passed, in concurrence and the original bill indefinitely postponed, on a roll call vote, 66 members voting in the affirmative and 5 members voting in the negative as follows.

YEAS - 66: The Honorable Speaker Mattiello and Representatives Abney, Ackerman, Ajello, Alzate, Amore, Azzinaro, Barros, Bennett, Blazejewski, Caldwell, Canario, Carson, Casey, Casimiro, Cassar, Cortvriend, Corvese, Costantino, Craven, Diaz, Donovan, Edwards, Filippi, Fogarty, Handy, Hawkins, Hull, Jackson, Jacquard, Johnston, Kazarian, Kennedy, Kislak, Knight, Lima, Lombardi, Lyle, Maldonado, Marszalkowski, McEntee, McKiernan, McLaughlin, McNamara, Mendez, Messier, Millea,

Morin, Newberry, Noret, O'Brien, Phillips, Ranglin-Vassell, Ruggiero, Serodio, Serpa, Shanley, Shekarchi, Slater, Solomon, Speakman, Tanzi, Ucci, Vella-Wilkinson, Walsh, Williams.

NAYS - 6: Representatives Chippendale, Nardone, Place, Price, Quattrocchi, Roberts.

RECUSED - 0:

### RULE 7D

**The following bill was received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Diaz-An Act relating to Post-Secondary Education

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### GUESTS

Representative Diaz welcomes to the House Chamber as guests from the RI Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs of RI: Soraia Hazard, Pawtucket; Kiara Noka, Newport; Nasir Daleg, Northern RI (Cumberland, Lincoln, Woonsocket); David Capobianco, East Providence; Olivia Martinelli, Warwick; Competing for Providence are Lyamaris Gomes, Olga Maldonado, Jomarelis Ramos and Vandara Tun. They are competing for the title of Youth of the year 2019. Also here today are Joan Milas, Director Erin Gilliatt, Director Gary Rebello, Director Jim Hoyt, Director Lara DiAntuano, Director Nicole Dufrenes, Director Joe Pratt, Director and JR Kenny from National Boys & Girls Clubs.

Representative Nardone welcomes to the Chamber former State Representative Theodore F. Low and his wife, Mrs. Kay Hohenthauer Low. Representative Nardone wishes Mr Low a Happy "92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday". Speaker Mattiello welcomes former Representative Low back to the Chamber, and also wishes him a Happy Birthday.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

### NEW BUSINESS

#### **House Resolution No. 5900**

**BY** Nardone, Filippi, Shekarchi, Roberts, Chippendale

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION JOYOUSLY CELEBRATING THE 92ND BIRTHDAY OF MR. THEODORE F. LOW {LC2147/1}

With the agreement of the majority and the minority, Representative Nardone requests unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Representative Nardone seconded by Leaders Filippi and Shekarchi, Representatives Roberts, Chippendale, Speaker Mattiello, Representatives Hull, Johnston, Price, Knight, Mendez, Tanzi, Handy, Kazarian, Blazejewski, Slater, Bennett, Edwards, Ajello, Walsh, Jacquard,

Fogarty, Cortvriend, Serpa, Cassar, Costantino, Canario, Lima, Azzinaro, Kennedy, Donovan, Ranglin-Vassell, Ackerman, Corvese, Carson, Serodio, Noret, Hawkins, Ruggiero, Craven, McEntee, Caldwell, O'Brien, Speakman, Millea, Ucci, Morin, Vella-Wilkinson, Williams and Lyle by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### GUESTS

Representative Kislak welcomes to the House her constituent, Claire Flynn, along with Maryann Gardner, Anitra Valles, and Denise MacLure. Here today in recognition of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Week of Action.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT

Leader Shekarchi announces tomorrow is the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Clean Water Legislative Summit in the House Lounge at 2 P.M.

#### NOW PRESIDING

At 5:10 o'clock P.M. the Honorable Speaker Mattiello yields the rostrum to the Honorable Deputy Speaker Lima.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### GUESTS

Representative Ranglin-Vassell and Deputy Speaker Lima welcome to the House Lisa Omondi, Melissa Aceituno, Melanie Nunez, and Xavier Copeland as part of the Young Voices organization.

Representative Ruggiero welcomes to the House as a guest Dave Chenevert who received the 2019 Manufacture Champion Award from Providence Business News.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### RULE 7D

**The following bills were received pursuant to Rule 7D:**

Representative Ruggiero -An Act relating to Wage Fairness Act

Representative Handy-An Act relating to Communication-Access for Deaf & Hard of Hearing  
An Act relating to Licensing Procedures for Social Workers

Representative Azzinaro-An Act relating to Taxation

Representative Millea-An Act relating to Human Services

Representative Noret-An Act relating to Labor & Labor Relations

Representative Blazejewski-An Act relating to Temporary Disability Insurance

Representative Bennett-An Act relating to Therapeutic Riding

Representative Johnston-An Act relating to Human Services-Medical Assistance

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Ucci wishes his wife, Dina Ucci a Happy Birthday.

Representative Handy wishes a Happy Birthday to his wife, Patricia.

Chairman Jacquard announces that the Committee on Corporations will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 203 of the State House.

Chairman Abney announces that the Committee on Finance will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 35 of the State House.

Representative Cassar in recognition of Women's History Month acknowledges Mary Ann Lippitt.

Vice Chairwoman McEntee announces that the Committee on Judiciary will meet today, at the rise of the House, in Room 101 of the State House.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### GUEST

Representative Price welcomes to the House Cloret Carl from the Schiller Institute.

By unanimous consent, the House returns to:

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### **House Resolution No. 5901**

**BY** Shekarchi, Filippi

**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES {LC2265/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a rising vote.

**House Resolution No. 5902****BY** Shekarchi, Filippi**ENTITLED**, HOUSE RESOLUTION EXTENDING CONGRATULATIONS {LC2266/1}

Majority Leader Shekarchi request unanimous consent for immediate consideration.

There is no objection.

Read and passed, on a motion of Majority Leader Shekarchi seconded by Minority Leader Filippi by unanimous consent, on a voice vote.

**TRANSMITTAL**

By unanimous consent, all matters on the clerk's desk are ordered to be transmitted to Her Excellency, the Governor, to the Honorable Senate and the Honorable Secretary of State forthwith.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:22 o'clock P.M on motion of Representative Azzinaro and as a further mark of respect to the memories of 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Anthony Sisco Jr. and Francis Sisco; on behalf of Speaker Mattiello on motion of Leader Shekarchi, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Robert L. Kenney; on motion of Representative Price, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of Lyndon LaRouche; seconded by Majority Whip Edwards and Leader Filippi the House adjourns, on a unanimous rising vote.

*Linda M. McElroy*  
*Recording Clerk*



APPENDIX

## INVOCATION

REVEREND DR. PHILIP ZYMARIS

ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH IN PAWTUCKET

STATE HOUSE PRAYER  
ANNUNCIATION - INDEPENDENCE OBSERVANCE

O Lord Almighty, we raise our heart, mind & soul to you in prayer as we commemorate the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary along with the Observance of the War of Independence for the nation of Greece in the modern era, (1821, inaugurated on March 25), which has become in our current days a celebration of Greek and American Democracy.

We adore you as our Creator on this day as you entered the womb of your blessed mother, setting in motion the beginning of our salvation and our freedom from enslavement to sin.

We offer thanksgiving prayers as well for the regeneration and liberation of the nation of Greece from its political enslavement which re-established democratic principles in the mother-land-of Democracy.

Show us all to be worthy of this freedom, strengthen us in safe-guarding it and preserve us in peace and harmony.

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Furthermore we pray today for the elected officials of the State of RI and Providence Plantations and the members of this chamber. Protect, guide and guard each of them and their families; bless them with good health and sound minds, that they may lead us in the right direction as they serve and minister to its citizens.

For you are the source of life, our protector and savior and we ascribe glory to you, Father, Son & Holy Spirit - Amen!

APPENDIX

CALENDAR

**IN ORDER FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5256**  
**BY** Azzinaro  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- DEALERSHIPS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 2. 2019-H 5341**  
**BY** Shanley  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

- 3. 2019-H 5246**  
**BY** Lima  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO ANIMALS AND ANIMAL HUSBANDRY - ANIMAL CARE

Committee on Health, Education & Welfare recommends passage.

**IN ORDER FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019:**

- 1. 2019-H 5365**  
**BY** Edwards  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO BUSINESSES AND PROFESSIONS - DESIGNERS OF INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

Committee on Corporations recommends passage.

- 2. 2019-H 5340**  
**BY** McEntee  
**ENTITLED**, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

Committee on Labor recommends passage.

- 3. 2019-S 386**  
**BY Satchell**  
**ENTITLED, AN ACT TO VACATE THE FORFEITURE OR REVOCATION OF THE**  
**CHARTER OF MP CLEANING CO. INC.**

Committee on Corporations recommends passage in concurrence.

**Francis McCabe**  
Clerk of the House

**Friday, March 22, 2019**